

City of Greenfield
Assessor's Meeting
March 3, 2021

ViaWebEx

9:00am

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Chair Joseph Ruggeri

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Chair Joseph Ruggeri, Clerk Dee Letourneau, Chief Assessor Kimberly Mew, Administrative Clerk Sandra Gradoia

Guests: Virginia Desorgher, Anne Mislak

Chair Joseph Ruggeri read the February 17th, 2021 meeting minutes into the record.

MOTION: On a motion by Clerk Letourneau, second by Chair Joseph Ruggeri, it was unanimously;
VOTED: TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 17th, 2021 MEETING MINUTES.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was opened by Chair Ruggeri at 9:12 am

Mrs. Mew discussed the agenda for the Board Meetings, possibly not reading the minutes out loud at each meeting. Mr. Reynolds was not able to attend this meeting today but will attend the next meeting if he is available.

Chair Ruggeri mentioned that he likes to read the minutes out loud at each meeting.

Chair Ruggeri mentioned that if our guests like to speak they should enter their name and address into the chat box.

Councilor Desorgher mentioned 7 Legion Ave and 53 Silvio O Conte. The assessed value is low. We need to find a way to get new growth. It's becoming increasingly unaffordable to live in this town.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Mew discussed Excise Weeks.

MOTION: On a motion by Clerk Letourneau, second by Chair Ruggeri, it was unanimously;
VOTED: TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND 2021, FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2021 TO MARCH 2, 2021 .

Mrs. Mew discussed abatement of taxes for 188 Main Street.

MOTION: On a motion by Clerk Letourneau, second by Chair Ruggeri, it was unanimously;
VOTED: TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE ABATEMENT FOR 188 MAIN STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$191.25 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021.

REPORT RRG/OFFICE

Mrs. Mew and Jeff Reynolds from RRG are still working on lot splits and combos along with procedures for inspections.

Mrs. Mew spoke with Planning & Building departments and will work together to get things updated for the revaluation from the state.

Mrs. Mew mentioned we are still collecting Income & Expense, 3 ABC's, and Form of Lists. We are also catching up on building permits and occupancy permits.

Mrs. Mew also mentioned Town Hall is getting ready to open on March 15th, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and we are working out schedules.

Mrs. Mew is looking into classes that are being offered in the summer, for herself and Mrs. Gradoia.

Chair Ruggeri inquired on getting from the MAAO any paperwork for classes he has taken.

Mrs. Mew will ask the MAAO.

Chair Ruggeri inquired on the procedures for the properties that are being brought up at the meeting.

Mrs. Mew mentioned for 194 Cleveland Street we have sent letters, and Mr. Reynolds has unsuccessfully been able to get on the property. In this situation we will do comparisons with similar buildings in other towns.

Mrs. Mew discussed property on Wells Street. The property record card has been updated, but we are still looking at this property.

Chair Ruggeri inquired about when to expect something from RRG on the commercial properties.

Mrs. Mew explained that what John found we should expect some adjustments. We do have correct values but our cost tables were not updated correctly. What it costs to build the building, the cost tables should increase at the current year.

Chair Ruggeri inquired how these cost tables are determined.

Mrs. Mew explained cost tables are created by the state through formulas and the software systems they use. Actual adjustments are done by the Assessor in a timely equitable manner.

Clerk Letourneau commented that this process needs to be done for our residents as well.

Chair Ruggeri requested if possible to have Mr. Reynolds perspective and John's analysis for the next meeting on March 17, 2021.

Chair Ruggeri inquired if the TIF committee has met.

Mrs. Mew explained we have not been able to meet. Possibly move this subject to a different category on the agenda.

Mrs. Mew mentioned we are discussing overvaluations and statutory exemptions for Executive Session.

MOTION: On a motion by Clerk Letourneau, second by Chair Ruggeri, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AT 9:49 AM

Councilor Desorgher and Anne Mislak left the meeting.

MOTION: On a motion by Clerk Letourneau, second by Chair Ruggeri, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:50 AM

MOTION: On a motion by Chair Ruggeri, second by Clerk Letourneau it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:27 AM

MOTION: On a motion by Clerk Letourneau, second by Chair Ruggeri, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO ADJOURN AT 10:27 AM

Next scheduled meeting is March 17th, 2021 via WebEx

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Gradoia
Administrative Clerk
Greenfield Assessors
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